

Positive Alternatives 2015 - 16 Quarterly Update

Grantee: EPIPHANY CARING FOR LIFE

Contact Person: Kathy Beyer

Contact Information: 763-755-1020 ext. 418, ecl@epiphanymn.org

Goal: Provide pregnancy support services to pregnant women and families in Anoka County

For the period: April 1 to June 19, 2016

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Service Coordinator: Provide guidance to grant staff, attend grant meetings, complete grant forms; manage grant funds and program donations; schedule/report meetings; recruit, screen and train volunteer; update guidelines and protocols; track baby equipment supply/requests/recalls, develop resources to expand supply; track housing resources and emergency shelter availability; reorganize and update baby closet		Networked with St. Patrick's pro-life group about what we do at ECL and set up speaker for their April meeting (4/14). Attended spring grantee trainee meeting (4/19). Attended team meeting to discuss evaluation report and current budget (4/25) and team meeting to discuss site visit (5/16). Recruited possible new volunteer, updated policies and procedures, updated car seat and pack n play application and closet in-take form (May, 2016). Site visit with MDH representative to review past year (6/3).	
Administrative Activities	Client Service Advocate: maintain client tracking program and database and review for possible updating; recruit, train and evaluate care line volunteers; administer Hotline; review intakes; update training manuals; update volunteers regarding policies, procedures and resources; coordinate companion education/training, provide speakers, communicate/support companion, assess companion support and client satisfaction; coordinate Angel Wings miscarriage support program and volunteers; investigate and develop social media; investigate and develop new fundraising options		Attended spring grantee trainee meeting (4/19). Attended team meeting to discuss evaluation report and current budget (4/25) and team meeting to discuss site visit (5/16). Updated pack n play and car seat application and updated social media and website with current drafts (5/25). Meet with social workers at Minnesota Perinatal Physicians to discuss ECL programs (6/1). Researched local gift bags for new moms through Target and Amazon. Met with current and potential companion mentors to discuss current client situations and provide support. Site visit with MDH representative to review past year (6/3).	

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Support Assistant: Procure car seats; review and update baby bed and car seat application protocols, and guidelines; provide assistance in completing financial assistance applications; schedule and meet new clients regarding Safe Sleep education and car seat safety, provide additional resources as needed		The support assistant continued to review and provide support to clients in filling out applications for qualifying programs. Distributed pack and plays and sleep safety education and car seats and car safety education. Attended a training on “The State of our Mental Health System” through compassion action network (4/5).	
Outreach	Increase community access and visibility; continue community education and maintain contacts		CSA did outreach with the high risk physicians at Minnesota Perinatal Physicians (5/1). The support assistant networked with St. Patrick’s at the pro-life group meeting (4/14) and St John the Baptist, Respect for Life (4/15).	
Car Seat Program	Provide car seat education and installation training to clients	4	Reviewed and provided support to clients for 5 car seat applications. Distributed 4 car seats and car seat safety education to 3 clients (one set of twins).	4
Case Management Services	Client Service Advocate (CSA) provides assessment and support; follow- up regarding need for necessary services; provide additional information and support.	50	Provided case management services to 55 clients, through follow up calls and continued mentoring. Worked with 2 clients to connect them with transitional housing through the dwelling place and Alexandra House.	55
Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education	Review applications and distribute pack and plays and cribs to qualifying clients; provide Sleep Safety Education to clients receiving baby beds.	10	Received and reviewed 15 pack and play applications with clients. Distributed a pack and play and safe sleep education to 10 qualifying clients.	10
Financial Assistance	Assist clients in completing financial assistance applications; provide food gift cards for specialty formula or diapers and gas cards for	17	The support assistant reviewed 20 financial applications and called clients back to confirm information and help with the completion of applications. If clients did not qualify for the service the support assistant and client service advocate connected them with other local organizations that could	20

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
	transportation to school or work		provide help or provided them with other gently used equipment.	
Hotline	Provide 24 hour care line for personal support; offer necessary services to callers	8	The CSA answered 123 calls total, and 8 clients received necessary service information through the hotline only.	8
Material Support	Provide baby and maternity clothing and other items for pregnant and parenting women	20	Forty-two clients visited the baby closet and received material support.	42
Mentoring Program	Provide long term support to clients through trained companions/mentors.	2	Three clients received long term emotional and parenting support. One client who was struggling with a colicky baby received extensive support from a companion. Two clients received parenting education referrals and nutrition support referrals.	3
Nutrition	Provide baby food and formula; provide food shelf assistance	4	Fifteen clients received nutrition support; 11 received formula and 4 received formula and baby food.	15
Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only	Staff provides clients only intake assessments, information on, referral to and assistance with securing necessary services	10	Provided intake assessments only and assistance through referrals to 10 clients.	10
Transportation	Provide transportation resources to clients and gas cards to qualified clients	20	Twenty-five clients received transportation resources and/or gas cards.	25

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	4
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	25
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	25
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	25
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	10
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	25

Challenges:

Comments: